

MoDOT *Express Lane*

Missouri Department of
Transportation

Transportation News To You in 12 Articles or Less

TOP OF THE PAGE

Retired General, NBC News Analyst To Headline Interstate Forum

Retired U.S. Gen., NBC News Analyst and HNTB Federal Services Chairman Barry McCaffrey will be the keynote speaker at a public policy forum examining the plight of Missouri's interstates. Titled "Our Interstates at 50: A Midlife Crisis," the forum will be held June 22 at the University of Missouri-Columbia in conjunction with the nation's celebration of the 50th anniversary of the interstate system. [Interstate Forum](#)

Learn More
About
MoDOT

Officials to Evaluate Statewide Transportation Priorities

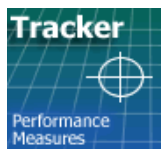
Local officials from across the state will convene May 19 to help MoDOT determine Missouri's high-priority road and bridge needs for the state's next transportation improvement program. During the meeting, representatives and local officials from each of MoDOT's 10 regional districts will focus on specific needs of major routes in terms of the connectivity and operation of the statewide transportation system. [STIP](#)

Citizens Complete Planning Initiative for Missouri's Transportation Future

More than 100 Missouri citizens from across the state assembled for the final work session of the *Missouri Advance Planning (MAP)* initiative, a statewide effort to update Missouri's long-range transportation plan. Regional Working Group members finalized their ideas regarding statewide transportation needs, trends and conditions, and improving Missouri's transportation policies and strategies. [MAP](#)

New Tracker Tackles Transportation System Challenges

An updated Tracker document is using the latest data and evaluations to analyze Missouri's transportation system. The publication contains 112 performance measures that help determine whether Missourians are getting a good return on their transportation investment, and where improvements are needed. [Tracker](#)



Youth On TRAC For Transportation Careers

MoDOT is playing an important role in generating interest in transportation careers among young people. MoDOT volunteers and local schools are working together on the Transportation and Civil Engineering or TRAC program, to introduce students to engineers and other transportation professionals who use math and science principles to build and maintain our nation's transportation systems. [TRAC](#)

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

2006 Legislative Session Ends

The 2006 legislative session ended May 12. The following important transportation-related bills passed during the session and are now waiting for the governor's signature:

- [Public-Private Partnership](#)
- [Highway Namings for Fallen Law Enforcement Officers/Troopers](#)
- [Eminent Domain Reform](#)
- [Work Zone Safety](#)
- [Conveyence of Excess MHTC Property](#)
- [Motor Carrier Registration](#)
- [Booster Seats](#)
- [Move Over for Emergency Vehicles](#)
- [Graduated Drivers Licenses](#)
- [Kansas City Public Transportation](#)

State Employees to Get Pay Raises

There was good news for state employees in the recently ended state legislative session. The new state budget includes a four percent pay increase for all state employees. It is awaiting the governor's signature. The raise would take effect July 1.

LEADERSHIP

The Shortest Distance

Rahn Comments on Missouri's Construction Season

Whoever said "The shortest distance between two points is.... under construction" had a good point. This year in Missouri that point will be made loud and clear with more than 1,000 work zones statewide. Read more of this editorial - [Rahn's Comments](#).

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS?

Practical Design Solves Today's Transportation Needs

By using "Practical Design" when planning highway construction projects, MoDOT will customize projects to fit specific needs, rather than apply generic standards across the board. Using this new concept for highway design that was unveiled last summer, MoDOT will save nearly \$400 million over the next five years. The money saved will fund additional projects. Read more about it in the [Practical Design Manual](#).



Please forward this e-mail to anyone interested in Missouri transportation news. If someone has forwarded this e-mail to you and you would like to subscribe, go to www.modot.org and click on the *Express Lane* button.



Contact Us

1 888 ASK MODOT
www.modot.org

5-19-06

[Subscribe](#)

[Unsubscribe](#)

[Printer-friendly version](#)